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Standard company operations assign basic fireground functions and activities to the various companies based upon the capability and characteristics of each type of unit.

Standard company operations assign major fireground functions to the particular company who can best accomplish the operation.

Standard company operations integrate the efforts of engine, ladder and rescue companies to achieve effective rescue, fire control and loss control activities.

Standard company operations increase the awareness and confidence of company members in the standard performance of other companies operating on the fireground.

Standard company operations reduce the amount and detail of orders required getting companies into action on the fireground.

The following items represent the standard operations that will normally be performed by engine, ladder and rescue companies. These basic functions will provide the framework for field operations for these companies:

Engine Company Functions:

- Search, rescue and treatment
- Stretch hose lines
- Operate nozzles / master streams
- Pump hose lines
- Loss control
- Continuous water supply

Truck Company Functions:

- Search, rescue and treatment
- Ventilation

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- Forcible entry
- Raise ladders
- Provide access/check fire extension
- Utility control
- Provide lighting
- Operate ladder pipes (aerials and platforms only)
- Perform overhaul
- Extrication
- Loss control

In Level I Staging situations, first arriving engine, truck, and rescue companies will automatically perform these functions as required unless ordered otherwise by Command. These companies will advise Command on the type of function they are performing.

Company officers will determine, based upon conditions, the priority of the functions for their company unless otherwise ordered by Command.

This does not limit a company to only its listed functions. Every company will be expected to perform all basic functions safely within the limits of their capability, and it will be the on-going responsibility of Command to integrate tasks and functions as required with the on-scene units.

In the absence (or delay) of truck company response, Command should assign ladder functions to an engine company: "Engine 292, perform ladder functions." In such cases, engine companies will perform all ladder functions within the capability of their company.

The assignment of these basic operations represents a standard fireground plan for tactical operations designed to improve the effectiveness and safety of all units working together. This plan should in no way limit the initiative of any officer and should enhance the decision making process of all officers by establishing a standard operational framework.

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Rescue Company Functions:

- Transportation of sick and injured to hospitals.
- Search, rescue and treatment - Rescue companies should communicate commitment and location to Command and maintain a retrievable status for victim treatment and transportation.
- General firefighting duties as assigned by Command.